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THE INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION VISALIA  
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HERES LOOKING AT YOU KID

Well, another DX convention has passed into history. The NCDXC deserves our congrats for a job well done.

As those of you who were there know, I had a pretty remarkable time. As I did two years ago, I won the “big radio” again at the Saturday night banquet: an ICOM IC-756PROIII. And then there was K6VC. Yup, when Cathy’s ticket got pulled for the FT-897D, there were certainly some interesting expressions around the room. Oh, and how about K5KT? Joe came through again, winning the IC-7000, everyone’s dream mini-rig. All in all, a great haul for the South!



As always, the camaraderie was great, although I’m not sure some of us will ever live down the hospitality suite in the men’s room (you had to be there).

Perhaps the star of the vendor displays was Elecraft, with its new K3. The crowds trying to get a chance to twist the knobs were about three deep most of the day. Wayne, Eric and the crew sure had their hands full. Other highlights: Alpha with a working 9500 and their monster dummy load, Tokyo Hi Power with their new amp, ICOM and Yaesu with their top of the line offerings (and Yaesu’s new little FT-450), and our own N6DHZ, a first-time vendor at the Convention. All in all, a great weekend.

And, of course, we all raced home on Sunday to try to work BS7H. As I write this, I’m sitting by the rig, trying to work them on 20 CW but not seeming to crack the pileup. Well, I’ll keep at it.

I did manage to pick up N8S on several bands, both SSB and CW. Their logging got screwed up, though, for awhile. I was talking with another Club member who had the same problem I did: a contact on 17 meters that I made with them mobile from my MDX got logged by them as an 80 meter QSO. I don’t know whether they’ll figure it out and correct it, but having seen the error when they posted the contact on the website (actually on the alternative website after the main one crashed and died), I made another one from home that they got right. Anyway, N8S was fun, especially mobile. I made four contacts in all from the car, and about 8 more from home.

Coming up in May: Be sure to bring cash to buy squares for the great June picnic radio raffle. Yes, fellow DXers, it’s going to be another IC-7000 to a lucky Club member.

I don’t know how many of you may have read the editorial in the April issue of CQ, but it did serve as a nice follow-up to the letter we sent to the magazine about the 5A7A dxpedition. I never heard from the ARRL in response to our letter to them, but Rich Moseson, W2VU at CQ was very responsive. It was nice seeing him in Visalia, too.

That’s about it for this month. See you at the meeting! 73, JW, K6JW

Another Visalia convention has come and gone. And, once again it was worth the wait. My kudos go to the NCDXC for hosting a really good convention. They came prepared and the end results showed their year of planning and hard work. The Arizona club is no longer a “new kid on the block”. Their contribution to our annual convention is top-notch. Thanks to all who played a role in another successful convention.



As always (some 40 years), Wayne and I look forward to attending this annual convention to see our many friends whom we only see at this venue. And, to share our successful DX year with them and new found friends. We are never disappointed. I personally was especially excited about this year's convention because I was able to brag about my many QSO's and QSL confirmations since I became a ham about 2-1/2 years ago. And, most especially that I hold the title of Vice President of our prestigious Southern California DX Club. Boy, did I brag!

The Dxpedition forums are always interesting. More so now because I worked all of them. Whether the speaker(s) are good or not, I am always impressed by the hard work and money it takes to put one together. When I think about the conditions they have to deal with to provide us hams a possible new country, I am impressed. I laugh at the nay-sayers who spout that it should have/could have been better. I say, put your money where your mouth is and do the next one yourself. I can't, nor ever will be able to be part of a Dxpedition, other than to be part of the pile-ups hoping to hear my call come back. And, yes guys, even to hear “the YL station only.”

Congratulations, Bob “Buckwheat” Grimmick for being our chosen Dxer of the Year. Not only did we think you deserved this award, but the San Diego club also thought you did. You're “the man”, Bob!!

I hope to see all of you at our May meeting. It will be fun to share our convention memories with each other. There will be a program, and plenty of good raffle prizes. June will be our annual picnic. And for July, I have a good program already lined up.

Till we meet again, good DX. 88s, Sharon

## SOME DX FOR YOU AFTER THE MENTAL BUILD UP AT VISALIA

2007 May04 Ogasawara JD1 Home Call JG7PSJ  
(AS-031); 160-6m + Sat; CW SSB RTTY PSK31

2007 Apr29 2007 May08 Scarborough Reef BS7H KU9C Direct OPDX  
160-10m: CW SSB RTTY

2007 Apr29 2007 May09 Belize V31PA NEW (Apr28) WA6GER; casual operation

2007 May03 2007 May07 Fiji 3D2RI UR3HR 425DXN (OC-189); QSL OK via Buro  
or direct: Leonid Babich, PO Box 55, Poltava, 36000 Ukraine

2007 May04 2007 May10 Greenland OX Auto Buro UA3MQM  
OX/NA1SA fm Kangerlussuaq; HF, focus on WARC + low bands; SSB CW RTTY PSK31; QSL  
OK via NA1SA or to: Foundation & Academy "The World Encyclopedia of Travel", PO Box 88, Moscow 101000, Russia

2007 May04 2007 May18 Malta 9H3 Home Call 425DXN  
9H3RZ and 9H3EZ; focus on WARC bands; mainly CW, also RTTY

2007 May08 2007 May14 Netherlands Antilles PJ2 PJ2/KC2PZ fm Signal Point, Curacao  
(SA-006)

2007 May10 2007 May13 Mariana Islands KH0WW JP1IOF JF1OCQ  
fm Saipan Is; 160--6m; CW SSB; 500w; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct

2007 May10 2007 May15 Nepal 9N7 Home Call JA1ELY  
as 9N7AU, 9N7IC, and 9N7TE; 40-10m; SSB CW RTTY PSK31

2007 May13 2007 May15 Guam KH2 JP1IOF as WH7P/KH2; 160--6m; CW SSB; 500w; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct

2007 May14 2007 May19 Mexico 4A3IH fm Roqueta Is (NA-183, ARLHS MEX-069); HF + 6 2m: CW SSB digital + sat: QSL OK via Buro or direct

2007 May15 2007 Jun05 Bermuda VP9KF By G4BKI fm Hamilton Parish (NA-005);  
2007 May21 2007 May26 Mexico 4A3IH fm Guerrero Is (NA-183); HF + 6 2m; CW  
SSB digital + sat; QSL OK via Buro or direct

2007 May26 2007 May30 Liechtenstein HB0 By DL team fm nr Triesenberg at 1200m asl; 160-10m + 2m & 440MHz; SSB FM CW PSK31 RTTY WSJT for CQ WW WPX CW; QSL: Paul Evans, 6809 River Road, Tampa, FL 33615, USA

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Once again we have witnessed a great convention. I think Northern Cal did a great job in prizes, talks and control. It was the first time I had ever heard Chip say more than 3 words and he put on a great show and ACT. Thank you Chip.

You have to give credit where credit is due. This convention is not easy to do, and the people who organize and work tiring hours should be congratulated.

I have never been to Dayton and I can imagine a big, big show but I have been to Visalia and that is a really big show. I counted some heads and I found:

By April 1, 460 registered.

This is **MAX** trivia

16 different entities

41 from states out side W6/W7

75 from W7

328 from W6      I had some time on my hands



So now this year is over and some what forgotten and now it is our turn to shine cause we get to do it next year. yadia, yadia etc.

Enough of this fun stuff and get on with the story.

This edition celebrates my first year doing this newsletter and I must say, it is not easy and it has had a steep learning curve, but I have enjoyed it. Some things will probably never change and that is searching for stuff to print, but I will continue to ask for your help. In the past I have asked for personal information about your self such as when did you first get your license, how many calls have you had, and how about a picture or two and any else you would like to put in the newsletter. A chance to be in the big lights and on stage center. I will bet you that if we all did some small article there would be enough for two editors. You just don't know if your sending out the right stuff so at this time of my first birthday I would like some comments, good bad or anything. I got tough skin. I worked in Aero Space for 35 years where schedules change every 20 minutes.(no joke folks)

I can just see it now, the BILLBOARD of AMATEUR RADIO.

DX ERS, FRIENDS, COUNTRY MEN AND NEIGHBORS LEND ME YOUR EAR, blah, blah, blah. Some sorrow, some education and some fun.(of course DX info permitted)  
C U next time, 73, Steve

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## RICHARD A SIMMONS

BEVERLY HILLS I received notice from Paul Mac Cloud that KW6E is SK and his wife is releasing a list of his equipment. The list is coming and I will release asap.

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AND THE DXER OF THE YEAR  
BOB GRIMMICK N6OX  
CONGRATULATIONS BOB



FROM THE NCDX CLUB  
CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROLYN GAVIN  
WB6ABC. MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

### Vacuum tube 807

An old glass vacuum tube, several inches tall and around. Also, slang for a beer, as in **"there's nothing like a cold 807 on a hot Arizona afternoon"** (thanks to W7QY). According to our friends in Ireland, a pint of Guinness is known as a "Black 807" (thanks to GI4FUE).

*(Written in September 2005 but lost in the bulletin's barrel. Propel yourself back in time.)*

**Recently seen on the internet:**

*Apparent internal miscommunications within the North Korean government's Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the Ministry of Telecommunications and Posts over the approval of an operating permit to Dr. David Borenstein, KA2HTV, led the government to halt his recent P5 DXpedition before it could even begin.....*

***“.....the inability to operate was devastating,” KA2HTV said. “After meeting with the government officials I just went back to my room for a while and watched the BBC, the only English language television program we could receive. I knew there were hundreds of stations around the world waiting to make a P5 contact and I could not get on the air.”***

*KA2HTV does not consider this a failure, but rather a chance to open doors to North Korea for possible future amateur radio operations. “Although I didn't get a chance to operate from P5, I believe the equipment donations and my visit planted the seeds for amateur radio operations in the future,” he said. “Some people may see this as a failure, but if you don't try, you'll never fail.”*

*I ran into **The DXer** the other day. He looked awful.*

**Me** : “What's up.”

**The DXer** : “I had the North Korean Flu.”

**Me** : “Yeah. I had the Clipperton flu a number of years back. Worked 'em on a bunch of bands, CW and SSB. It's amazing how you can bounce back to health once those Qs are in the log!”

**The DXer** : “That's the problem. No Qs in the log. I ran home early from work each day to catch P5/KA2HTV at his sunrise. I was there an hour before and for two hours past and nothing, nil, zip, nada. Even the fake spots on the DX clusters were lame.”

**Me** : “That's tough. That's a lot of time to invest with nothing to show for it.”

**The DXer** : “It's worse that

**Me** : “What could be worse?”

**The DXer** : “When he didn’t show for a week, I was betting on the rumor that he was busy but that he’d be QRV 24/7 for that last weekend

**Me** : ” But he wasn’t.”

**The DXer** : “Now you tell me? I consumed enough coffee to equal the total GNP of a small country! Heck, I clung to the radio. I *lived* at the radio. Had the darn thing programmed with the supposed frequencies and on scan. Nothing, nil, zip, nada. Then I read on the internet that he never did operate. What a waste!”

**Me** : “Hey! Don’t despair. The word is that the groundwork has been laid for future operations. Tried and true DXers are patient and persistent.”

**The DXer** : “Well I’m certainly *tried* !”

**Me** : Don’t get your split button in a frazzle. You’ll get a P5 sooner than later.”

**The DXer** : “Easy for you to say. You got that last one.”

**Me** : “Yeah, but I’d trade an SSB Q for one on CW anytime!..... Say, so tell me. You put in all of that “flu” time. What did you learn from the experience?”

**The DXer** : “Learn?”

**Me** : “Yeah. Learn. Like the value of time. Other priorities. Daily life. You know, DXing is only a hobby. All of that stuff in the ‘Amateur’s code.’ ”

**The DXer** : “Nothing. Absolutely nothing.”

And he stalked off. His head shaking.

*I think **The DXer** was just goofy from lack of sleep. All DXers learn from every pile-up, every DXpedition, every blown fuse. Surely **The DXer** learned something from the North Korean flu. Didn’t he?*

**Didn’t you?**

See you in the pile-ups.

73, Steve WB6RSE



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